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# Captain Marvel

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LOOK PALS!  
HERE'S A  
SPECIAL THRILL  
FOR YOU!

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*In this issue*  
**WILD! WEIRD!  
WIZARDRY!**  
CAPT. MARVEL  
*and the*  
**"MARK OF THE  
BLACK  
SWASTIKA"**

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NOT THAT  
RYAN IS THERE  
A MAN?

BUCK UP! YOU  
BOYS!  
GONNA GET  
IT!

DON'T WORRY  
THAT'S CAPTAIN  
MARVEL!

WELL THIS IS A  
STRANGE STORY THOSE  
REAL BEHAVING THE  
WAY BACK TO OR 40  
YEARS AGO AND THOSE  
REAL BOOKS IS NOT  
WET A 4-4" BUT  
LET'S GO BACK TO  
THE BEHAVING



40 YEARS AGO IN A SCHOOL  
ROOM IN SPRING A SMALL  
BOY IS UP BEFORE THE SCHOOL  
BOARD

CLASS FOR ONE FIFTY  
THIS OR TEEN - AND  
CAUGHT YOU UPON ONE  
DOT YOU WRITE ON ONE  
BLACKBOARD THE NUMBER  
THAT AFTER SCHOOL I  
I - NOT TELL LIES ANY  
MORE!



2-A HERE  
TEACHER

I WANT WRITE IN  
MY BOOK I WILL  
BE THE BIGGEST  
LIE IN THE  
WORLD!

EXCELLENT  
IN MY A  
COMPARISON  
ACTION!



AT NIGHT  
AFTER SCHOOL





"O' P' NOTS DEE P' AND TALKS ME P'?"

"I CAN HELP YOU TO REALIZE YOUR AMBITION, YOUR ADOLESCENT DREAMS... LET ME."



"THERE I HAVE PUT MY BARK ON YOU. YOU WILL GO A LONG WAY. YOU WILL ACQUIRE A 2-0-0-0-0-W-33 WAY."

NOW WE MOVE AHEAD A FEW YEARS ALONG UP TO THE PRESENT. HERE WHERE WE FIND BILLY BATSON, A LITTLE BOY BORN SOMEWHERE IN LONDON. ONE OF THE WORST BOMBINGS OF THAT CITY IS JUST TAKING PLACE.



"HERE WE ARE FOLKS IN THE HEART OF LONDON. IS ONE OF THE WORST BOMBINGS. EACH BOMB SEEMS TO HAVE AN INCALCULABLE ACCURACY. THERE IS ONLY ONE BUILDING IN THIS AREA THAT HAS MIRACULOUSLY ESCAPED BEING HIT."



"THERE ARE MANY CASUALTIES - VICTIMS OF BOMBING WARFARE."

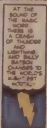


"THE BOMBING BOMBS TO ALL THAT'S LEFT OF US IN DESTRUCTION. EVERY ONE IS A DEAD END - A VERY STRANGE NOISE."



"THERE SEEMS TO BE SOMEONE ON THE ROOF OF THE ONE BUILDING THAT REMAINS UNHIT. THAT'S BILLY."

CAPTAIN MARVEL





SAY THAT'S  
NOT MY JOB!



ALL THAT TAKES  
CARE OF THE LOW  
TO GET BACK TO  
US!

READY THAT  
A MOUTH, AND  
CAN HAVE THE  
KEY YOU WANT  
TO - ONE OF US!



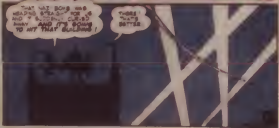
WHO ARE YOU?  
AND WHAT ARE  
YOU COMING HERE?

WELL, LET'S JUST  
SAY THAT I'M  
DIRECTOR OF THE  
UNCONSCIOUS  
HEATING SYSTEM!



I EXPECT A  
BETTER ANSWER  
FROM YOU!

EXCUSE ME A  
MOMENT - AND  
I'LL TAKE CARE OF  
THE BOMB!



THAT WAS BOMB AND  
HEADING STRAIGHT FOR A  
MOMENT - AND I'LL TAKE CARE  
OF THE BOMB AND I'LL BE  
READY TO GET THAT BOMB!

THAT'S  
THE BATTLE!





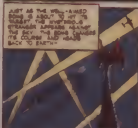
"I'VE GOT TO GET  
THAT BOSS BEHIND  
ME! A BUNNY!"



"THAT'S WHAT YOU  
CALL AN INTERCEPTO  
BOSS!"



"THE BOSS MUST  
BACK UP! IT  
CAME FROM --  
TO REAR AND FLEW!"



"JUST AS THE WING-ARMED  
BOSS IS ABOUT TO HIT THE  
GUY! THE SUPER-BOSS  
STEAMER APPEARS AGAIN!  
THE BOY THE BOSS CHANGES  
ITS COURSE AND HEADS  
BACK TO EARTH!"



"-- AND EXPLODES B-G-T ON TOP OF  
CAPTAIN MARVEL."



"HE-HE BELLY CAN  
CHANGE THE COURSE OF  
A BOSS. AWAY MANAGER  
OF MAN HE HE P"



WHERE IS HE?



LOOKING FOR ME?

HUH?



YOU'RE UP TO NO GOOD! I'VE PUT A STOP TO THAT! SOMETHING'S HOLDING BACK MY HAND!

OH, THAT'S TOO BAD! IT MUST BE SOME OF THAT BASTY SUPER-NATURAL POWER OF MINE! AT SOME AGAIN! YEC! YEC! YEC!



I WON'T MISS YOU THIS TIME!



HOW DO YOU LIKE TH-  
**WHOA??**



I HAVEN'T GIVEN UP YET! I WONDER WHAT HE'S TRYING TO PROTECT IN THIS HOUSE?



THERE'S A WINDOW. I COULDN'T FIT IN, BUT BILLY BATSON COULD—  
SHAZAM!



AT THE SOUND OF THE MAGIC WORD CAPTAIN MARVEL CHARGES BACK INTO BILLY BATSON!

HOW I'LL FIND OUT WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT!



OUR PLANE'S JOE DOING A GOOD CRUISE HERE! UMD IN HERE, WE AIDE SAFE!

WHY NA—JOCOS I SHUNT MAKE ANY NOISE OR THEY'LL HEAR US!



"W. OAS THE BOOT" IS Y... BE HERE TO WELCOME OUR FUGITIVE MEN-HE TRICK OVER

JA HONK! HE'S... HILLER

SO THIS IS WHERE ALL THE NAZI PLOTS DISAPPEAR TO, AFTER THEY ARE SHOT DOWN OVER ENGLAND!



BOOMERS  
GIVE ME A  
HAND



I DON'T KNOW WHAT  
THEY WENT TO  
AND OUT!



GOOD!  
THEY DON'T  
SEE ME  
GOING  
DOWN ABOVE  
THE LIGHT  
TRAP!



I HATE BE - TALKED DER  
LAWYER ON THE  
TOWN'S BUSINESS PLACE  
-SEE BOOMERS!

GOOD! NOW I  
CAN GO ON THE  
BUS - NO LET  
THEY GO OUT  
THEY SHOULD  
BE - BOOMERS  
WHO - WHY TO  
GO!

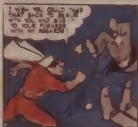


SO THAT'S THE  
REASON THE BOOMERS  
ARE WITH THEM TO  
LAWYER - THE BOY  
A STOP TO BOOMERS!

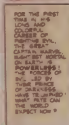


THE BOOMERS  
A BOOM BOY  
SEE YOU

SHAZAM!







STOP THIS SQUABBLING, YOU FOOLS! YOU ARE WORKING FOR ME. I HAVE YOU REGISTERED. NOW I OWE YOU A FAVOR. OPEN YOUR SHEETS.

A GREAT MASTER!

NEVERMIND YOU TOO.

JA! IT WAS YEARS AGO I WANTED TO BE ONE BOMBER MAN IN ONE WORLD. YUCC! HE SAID WE'D HELP US!

LOOK CAPTAIN MARVEL! LOOK AND—SO'S WHERE HE IS? HE WAS HERE JUST A MOMENT AGO!

I'VE GOT AN IDEA! WHILE THEY'RE ALL FIGHTING AGAIN THERE, WE CAN SPEAK QUICK AND HARD FOR THE FUTURE OF GOOD AND HOPE!

AM I JUST WHAT I WANT! THESE BRITISH BOMBERS CAN HELP ME!

IT'S BETTER TO YOU AND I. BORROW ONE OF YOUR BOMBERS FOR A FEW MINUTES!

BY JONES! IT'S CAPTAIN MARVEL!

HELP YOURSELF CAP! ANYTHING YOU WANT TO DO IS ALL RIGHT WITH US!

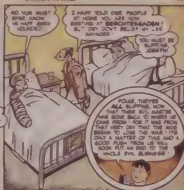
NOW BACK TO FRANCE! WE'VE GOT TO RUSH!

THAT'S THE SPIRIT CAP!









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# WACKY WORLD



LET ME IN WITH  
THE DOOR!

BE  
JERRY TURNED

IN SHOWING MY HEAD  
OFF TODAY, BUT WE  
WANT TO SEE AN ACT  
OF BRILLIANCE!

LET ME IN WITH  
THE DOOR!

THE  
IS  
NOW

I SAID SHUT  
YOUR BIRTH OFF  
TO THE SIDE -  
WE'RE PLACING  
YOU OUT OF YOUR  
NOW!

LET ME IN WITH  
THE DOOR!

# CAPT. MARVEL

AND THE ROYAL OF MENNY



BOYS WHAT TIGERS ARE  
 THEY I WOULD CARE TO  
 BEAT BUT I'VE THE MAGIC  
 WORD THAT STARTS A TIGER AND  
 THE WORD OF SILENCE AND IS  
 BELIEVING TO THE GREAT GREAT  
 CAPTAIN MARVEL THE GREAT  
 POWER AN INVISIBLE SUPER  
 POWER THAT IS WEAPON FOR  
 AND FOR ALL THE CAPTAINS  
 MARVEL WOULD BE THE BEST  
 POWER AND THE WORD OF  
 ALL THE PLANTS  
 OF THE WORLD

WITH A SONG OF HIS LIFE HE IS BEST HELD  
 CALLS IT THE WORD OF DOWNS BROWNS - NO  
 THAT SHE CAN BE A... 24



"...SHE CAN BE A...  
 ...BROWN... YOU  
 ...SHE..."  
 ...SHE..."

"...SHE... YOU  
 ...SHE..."  
 ...FLOWERS..."

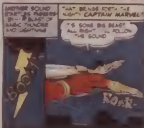
THE ARCHER BEARS BEHOLD THE POWER... A  
 VERY ANCIENT WORD THAT HAS AN POWER  
 FOR ALL THE IN... AND... AND...  
 ...ROOMS...



"...SHE... YOU  
 ...SHE..."  
 ...SHE..."

"...SHE... YOU  
 ...SHE..."  
 ...SHE..."















YUM!  
YUM YUM!

BUT STEAMBOAT HAS MADE A MESS  
THAT PEE'S KEEP COMING OUT!



AND THEY DO!

HEY!  
BLUB!



GROSS!



MEAN NO' PEEKY OL  
HORN - OUT DA' STOP  
SEASON - OUT PEE



AN GOTTA STOP DA MESS  
OR... BLUB... SO I WAS  
FLIN' - BAW GO! AN WHO  
NOTHIN' WOULD COME  
OUT

"THE MEN OF PLANTY BEING SOME NAAC WORD THAT 'FRANKSON' AND 'BROD'—AND BRING OUT—"

"FRANKSON" "—HAI  
AP-LE FINE TO MAKE  
THE NAAC WORD AND  
OF WORD DO YOU USE?  
QUICK TELL ME"

"OF WORD? IN THE NAAC  
MAYBE BULLY AND  
DOE' DOE' BRING  
THE DONE?"



"FRANKSON BROGAN AND BANG BANG!"



"OUTA  
ON THE  
BEST!"

"NO WORD  
FRANKSON"

"Wah!"



"BROGAN  
SUFFERING  
AND OF  
ME?"

"WAS A BRISK  
SHARP FRANKSON  
WITH A BULLY  
HE DOE' DOE'  
AND THE JET  
WITH YOU"

"FRANKSON?  
I KNOW WHO  
THAT IS—THE  
FRANKSON—'LL  
SEE—"  
"GHAJAM!"

A FEW MINUTES LATER---



"I KNOW BULLY WHOSE  
THAT'S ABOUT QUART  
TO BE TOO—I'VE HAD  
'BROGAN' WITH BROGAN  
AND HE SAYS BROGAN"

"BROGAN  
BULLY WHOSE  
IS YOU?"

"FRANKSON" BULLY WHOSE AND FRANKSON CAN  
NEVER FRANKSON BULLY BANG TO WHOSE  
CAPTAIN HARRY APPEARS

"BUT FRANKSON BROGAN IS ALREADY BANGING  
EXPERIMENTING WITH THE NAAC WORD"



"I DON' WORD  
BUT BANG DON' IN  
RESEMBLE BULLY  
BANGON NAAC FOR  
IS NAAC WORD?  
HE SAYS USE ON  
BULLY WORD!"

"I DON' WORD  
BUT BANG DON' IN  
RESEMBLE BULLY  
BANGON NAAC FOR  
IS NAAC WORD?  
HE SAYS USE ON  
BULLY WORD!"



"HOLY CATS! WHAT WORD? IF  
WE ONLY KNEW IT, WE COULD USE  
FOR PLANTY OF BANG TO COME  
BANG OUT—AND KEEP ON  
ROLLER OUT—"



CAPTAIN MARVEL

BUT EVEN THE WORLD'S  
MIGHTIEST HEROES CAN'T  
STOP THE ENDLESS  
FLOOD OF THE MONSIEUR  
PLASTIC!



"THERE'S NO  
KEY WORD TO  
STOP IT TOO!  
BUT I DON'T  
KNOW IT  
OTHER!"

HOWEVER CAPTAIN MARVEL USES  
ALL THE FORCE OF HIS GREAT  
MIND!



"I CAN STOP IT...  
BUT MARVEL CAN CHANGE  
WHAT'S COMING OUT  
WITH SOMETHING ELSE  
TO COME OUT INSTEAD OF  
THE MONEY!"

INSTEAD OF MONEY  
LET'S BE FLOWERS  
COME OUT!



"YELLOW!  
THE MONEY  
GROWED—  
BUT NOW THE  
FLOWERS!"

"IT WORKED BUT  
BE IT DON'T  
HELP MUCH!"



AND CAPTAIN MARVEL NEXT CALLS FORTH  
BEARS FROM THE HORN OF PLUM!







THE STARS  
OF THE COMICS  
CAN BANG  
THE  
AXIS...



AND SO  
CAN YOU!  
LET'S STAMP OUT THE  
AXIS! BUY ALL THE  
WAR STAMPS AND  
BONDS YOU CAN!





BY THE BOP OF WHEE THE WORLD IS  
SMITTEN BY A QUANTA PUNCHDOWN...  
A LIVING AFTER BURNING OUT OF AFTER  
EYES... IF SPACE TO SPACE.



FOR BLUE AROUND THE SECOND SHAKES AND  
EYES THE STEEL SHOCKWAVE OF ENERGY  
LET'S GOON AND B-LUCKE.



IN THE TOWER OF STATION WHIZZ, BILLY BATSON HAS JUST FINISHED HIS DAILY NEWS BROADCAST...

HOLY MOLEY!  
IS THE WORLD COMING  
TO AN END?

NO! IT WAS A  
MISTAKE! I SAW  
IT THROUGH  
THE WINDOW!



WHOW! IT MUST  
HAVE BEEN A BIG  
ONE!

SUPPOSE YOU HOP  
OUT AND HAVE A  
LOOK AT THE SPOT  
WHERE IT LANDED.  
BUT SAVE US AN  
EYE-WITNESS ACCOUNT.



BILLY FINDS A CROWD OF CURIOSITY-SEEKERS  
ALREADY THERE -- BUT NO BATSON!

IT CAME  
DOWN RIGHT  
HERE!

YES, RIGHT  
HERE! I SAW  
IT WITH MY  
OWN EYES!

BUT WHERE  
IS IT?



THEY CAN'T ALL BE WRONG!  
I MUST HAVE LANDED AT THIS  
SPOT -- BUT THERE'S NO SIGN  
OF IT! HOLY MOLEY -- WHAT A  
MYSTERY! A BATSON THAT  
LANDS -- AND  
DISAPPEARS!



HELLO FOLKS! THIS IS  
BILLY BATSON, OUR WHIZZ-  
CLUBBER BROADCASTING  
FROM THE SCENE OF THE  
MISTAKE! -- NO BATSON!  
-- NO -- NO BATSON!  
SOME FOLKS ARE TALKING  
OF MACHINES OF DE-  
STRUCTION!



A SCIENTIFIC IM-  
POSSIBILITY? IT CAN  
ONLY BE EXPLAINED BY  
EINSTEIN'S THEORY  
OF SIXTEENTH-DIMENSIONAL  
ABSOLUTES BY ROTATING  
SPACE!

BACK FROM THE CROWD, BILLY NOTICES  
A STRANGE THING

THERE'S SOMETHING  
MIGHTY queer about  
this -- the ground here  
LOOKS AS THOUGH IT  
HAD BEEN SCORCHED!



BILLY STUMBLES UPON A LARGE CAVE NEARBY.



That's funny - this doesn't look like a natural cave to me, and there are sounds coming from it! Some one's in there! I'm going to investigate it!



HERE COMES SOMEONE - WALKING UPSIDE DOWN ON THE ROOF!

AND BILLY COMES FACE TO FACE - IN A MANNER OF SPEAKING - WITH A STRANGE BEING NOT OF EARTHLY ORIGIN!



HOLY MOLEY! WHO OR WHAT IS THIS?

I AM THOAD!



HOLY MOLEY! YOU MUST HAVE COME HERE FROM ANOTHER PLANET!

THE ALIEN CREATURE RECOVERS FROM HIS ASTONISHMENT.



YES HARK! ARE YOU CAN TEST OUR BADDUM GUN AGAINST AN EARTHING! IT WILL BURN YOUR FLESH FROM YOUR BONES!



CRASH!

THROUGH THE CAVE REVEALING TO A  
 REAL OF THUNDER — A STAB OF  
 ...



— AND MIGHTY CAPTAIN MARVEL  
 MEETS THE SOURCE OF SEAR'S BRIBES



YOU MADE  
 THE FIRST MISTAKE  
 NOW, BOB



SO I'LL MAKE  
 THE SECOND

— SEE IS THE  
 BOY — WHO IS  
 HE? MY DAD?  
 YOU DO?



I'M GOING TO  
 GET THE  
 QUESTIONS  
 FROM YOU IN  
 SHORTLY  
 WHERE A PERSON CAN  
 TALK TO YOU IF YOU  
 STRANGERS ON THE  
 HEAD

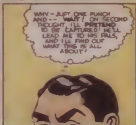


I SEE SUCTION  
 CURE ON YOUR FEET  
 IN 3 SECS — SEND YOU  
 TO THE CLOUDS



OH BY THE WAY YOU  
 SAY "BOB" — I  
 VE CAPTURED  
 YOU

GET AWAY FROM  
 ME YOU CLIPPING  
 MAN



CAPTAIN MARVEL IS LED TO A ROOM WHERE A  
HORDE OF ALIEN CREATURES HOLD COUNCIL.



LET ME START AT THE BEGINNING THE PLANET THROD-THULE, OUR WORLD IS FAR OFF A GALAXY BUT WITH OUR GREAT TELESCOPES AND INSTRUMENTS WE STUDIED EARTH— FOR A VERY IMPORTANT REASON— OUR WORLD WAS DYING!



"TEN YEARS AGO A GROUP OF SCIENTISTS GATHERED ABOUT A TELESCOPE AND HEARD A STRANGE VOICE—



OUR WORLD IS DOOMED! THE AIR OF OUR PLANET IS FAST DISAPPEARING! WE MUST MIGRATE TO SOME OTHER WORLD—

TO EARTH! IT'S THE HEALTHY!

"YES TO EARTH! WE HAVE DECIDED THAT EVERY 30 YEARS OR SO THEY HAVE A WAR WITH THE NEXT ONE OCCURS WE WILL MARCH EARTH AND DESTROY THEM WHILE THEY FIGHT ROUGHLY AMONG THEMSELVES—



"THESE WARS AND AT LAST, OUR WY-

THE EARTH-LOVERS HAVE BEGUN ANOTHER WAR THE STUPID DOGS NOW IS THE TIME TO MARCH WHILE THEY SLAUGHTER EACH OTHER!

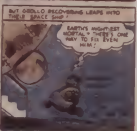
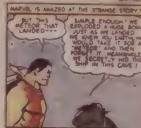


BUT HOLD THIS IS NOT JUST AN ORDINARY WAR! WE LITTELED WITH OUR LONG SAVED EARTH THIS IS A WAR OF LIBERTY AGAINST TYRANNY!

ALL THE BETTER FOR US! LIBERTY? NO! WE WANT TYRANNY! WE WILL HELP THE TYRANT SIDE WIN— THIS WE WILL DESTROY THE TYRANTS TOO! ALL EARTH WILL BE OURS THAT DAY!

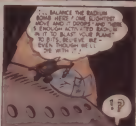
"AND SO UP FROM THROD-THULE PLANNED OUR ROCKET SHIP LOADED WITH A BILION POUNDS TO CONQUER EARTH—







AND THE SLIGHTY SPACE SHIP DIVES FORWARD  
DRIVING CAPTAIN MARVEL INTO THE SOLID ROCK!

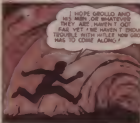




AS BILLY I  
CAN SQUEEZE  
OUT OF  
THIS!



WELL! THAT GUY'S  
GONE! I'LL GET THIS  
DOWN ALICE! FOR  
THE TIME BEING...



I HOPE GULLD AND  
HE'S MEN, OF WHATEVER  
THEY ARE, HAVEN'T GOT  
EAR. YET I'VE HAVEN'T ENOUGH  
TROUBLE WITH HILLES NOW GULLD  
HAS TO COME ALONG!



BUT AS BILLY EMERGES FROM THE CANYON,  
A GUARD STATIONED THERE SEES HIM  
AND...

ONLY A BOY!  
WHY WASTE  
AMMUNITION ON  
HIM?

MEANWHILE AT NEARBY CAMP TANKTON THE  
ALTAH ARMY'S STRIKE THEIR FIRST BLOW  
TOWARD...



ATTACK!

HALT!  
YOU CAN'T -  
AAAAHH!

TO CAMP TANKTON EARLY TO THE ON-  
SET OF - BUT ARE POWERLESS BEFORE  
THE LACING BOMB...



WAA! THE  
EARTH ARMIES  
ARE SO PUNY!

AND BILLY BATSON, THE ONLY ONE IN THE WORLD WHO CAN SUMMON THE POWERS OF MIGHTY CAPTAIN MARVEL, SEVERES FROM THE CRUEL BLOW WITH ANNE'S DEATH!



WITH COMPLETE LOSS OF MEMORY, BILLY WANDERS AIMLESSLY



THE WANDERING BOY ARRIVES AT CAMP YANKTON!



AND AS THE ALIEN MONSTERS LATTER AT THE LAST DITCH DEFENSES OF THE CAMP



THE ONE SOLDIERS MORE OF MONSTERS TALKS ABOUT IS AN "OFT"!



## A THUNDERSTORM BREAKS



THE ELECTRICAL BOLT LAYS THE HARBOR BLUNDER AND LATER IS CALLED DOWN BY THE HERO BLUE-EYED CHANGING BROTHER AND CAPTAIN MARVEL!

—NO EARLY'S BROTHER! MORTAL IS ONCE MORE ON THE JOB!

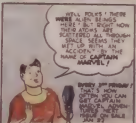


WELL ACCQUAINTED WITH THE UNUSUAL AND POWERFUL POWERS THE ALONE FLY!





FAR OUT IN SPACE HURLED BY CAPTAIN MARVEL'S MIGHTY MUSCLES THE BADLY TOYREDO STRIKES THE PLEASANT SPACE



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# CONVOY TO MURMANSK!

BY NATHANIEL NITKIN

**P**ETE DELVEN, the third engineer of the old tramp ship, *Easton City*, which was moored to the company wharf in Brooklyn, passed before the skipper's door. Something strange, he noticed.

"Come in," said Captain Everett.

Pete opened the door and entered the skipper's cabin. Captain Everett was a short, thin man with haircut white hair and a newly trimmed mustache. In contrast, Pete was tall, lanky, and smooth-shaven, with the pallor of the engine room.

"Well, what do you want?" Captain Everett asked.

Pete said, "It's about Big Bill Herring. He—"

"I know what you're here for," the skipper interrupted. "You're loyal to your chief engineer, but it won't save him. It's true I'm giving him his walking papers."

"But it ain't Big Bill's fault," Pete protested. "He can't be on watch twenty-four hours a day. Somebody has him down and reduces steam pressure."

Captain Everett shook his head. "Look here, on every engine run, we've dropped behind the ships. We slowed the company. We've a bad reputation with the Navy. That's why we've been chosen to maintain routes. No, I can't take another chance this way."

Pete said, "What about Wherry Kering?"

Wherry was the second engineer, generally disliked by everyone.

Captain Everett said, "Is it because you don't like him that you suggest him?"

"Oh no, it ain't that," Pete hastened. He hit his lips for the slip of tongue. He was sure that Wherry Kering, who would become chief engineer when Big Bill Herring was asked, was deliberately lowering steam pressure at critical moments by sabotage. Wherry was known to have pulled at the company office, and perhaps he had suggested the firing of Big Bill.

"Young man, this time we're joining the Murmansk convoy," Captain Everett said. "It's dangerous, you know. If the engine room goes foul on us, we'll be sunk."

"We won't fail you," Pete said. "Besides you've a reputation of being fair."

Captain Everett smiled with no word.

Pete added, "You believe in opportunism?"

The skipper looked at the young engineer thoughtfully. "That's right."

"Then, don't you think it's highly unfair to fire Big Bill without a warning? Furthermore, it ain't sporting to blame him for what ain't his fault."

Pete said, "Perhaps if he's told that if he fails this time, he'll be given his walking papers."

The skipper drummed his desk thoughtfully. "Perhaps. All right, young man. You win."

Pete put on his cap and left Captain Everett's cabin. He climbed down the ladder past several decks to the engine room. It was deserted. Acting impulsively, he examined the shaft, the various needles, the governor, and several other appendages to the ship's engine.

He was in luck with his tool chest but he did not hear Big Bill Herring, having descended the ladder, move to him.

"What are you doing?" Big Bill roared.

Pete straightened. "Oh, I was only examining the engine, or I wanted to make sure it's ship shape."

"It's my worry, not yours," Big Bill thundered. "Don't examine the engine without my permission on this voyage."

Big Bill's tone hurt Pete. It showed that he was suspecting the young engineer of sabotage.

**N**INE DAYS later, the convoy, of which the *Easton City* was part, was nearing the dangerous Nardfap Peninsula. Peter set from the watch, passing close to Nardfap, formed a narrow channel between the North Atlantic and the Barents

was. There were many ships, most American, distress-calls, U. S. mail, and many pleasure boats found their grave.

Pete seemed so excited because of the engine room. If they failed to deliver full steam, the *Center City* would fall out of the conveyer track, and she would be in grave to Dean's mercy. The weary had a solid foundation. Whose Kissing was not in the engine room. An order had been sent on the boat deck, looking at the sea.

Pete knew that Whose was looking on his chance to escape. If he had sabotaged the engine, and escaped of the ship was sunk, he would tell the company after that he had been right all the time. Even if he survived, Big Bill would be asked.

So Pete took a couple of heavy wires and a machine who had a reputation of being handy with his feet, up the ladders to the boat deck. As it was very cold, only Whose Kissing, a lanky, shaggy-haired man, was there.

The four men entered Whose before he could run it. The machine clamped his hand over Whose's mouth and held him a prisoner with his other arm while the others lifted his legs. Led by Pete, they crept Whose down the ladders, through the engine room. The engineers on duty pretended not to look.

Then Pete found a cabin not far from the boiler room. They threw Whose into the cabin, and Pete locked the door.

"Listen Whose," Pete shouted. "We're keeping you here until we've run through to

the Barrett-John Underwood."

He wanted for the engine room to work over Whose's mind. Then Whose's seemed. "No no, you can't."

"What's the matter?" Pete asked. "Afraid of serpents?"

There was a period of silence. Then Whose pointed at the door. He screamed:

"Let me out! I'll report you to the shippers."

"You can do that in Harwich," Pete said placidly. "That is if we get there."

Suddenly Whose's voice changed. It carried a strong note of urgency and nerve. "The vacuum spring saved it's head! We'll never reach the..."

It was enough for Pete. He ran to the vacuum spring and with the help of the mechanics, he opened it up. The wire was not only loose, but it had broken the spring.

Every member of the engine room eyes turned to the damaged part of machinery. Then ran to the stores and brought back a new spring. Pete and the mechanics worked like madmen. At last it was finished, and they replaced the metal cover.

The black gang loudly returned to pain when Big Bill Hurtleigh entered the engine room. Seeing that something had happened, he looked strangely at the crew and at Pete. Nobody talked. Straggling, Big Bill walked to the engine room telegraph and waited for orders from the bridge.

They were not long in coming. Big Bill looked a series of rapid fire orders. Then steam pressure rose, and the engine changed leader. The *Center City* vibrated as she continued every

corner or against one could get from her old engines, to keep up with the rolling conveyer.

**MURKIN**ish, was directly let by the towers, seemingly cold and unimpassioned, continuing with life. Pete and Big Bill Hurtleigh had found a conveyor beam, and they were talking about the crime to they opened her up.

"It was a good run," Big Bill said. "Now open here of our slow speed, and then Whose took their time. They arrived to No. 10 long after we passed."

Pete was not interested. The conveyor was now strong and warning, and he ordered another cup.

"The shippers complimented me," Big Bill greeted to Pete. "I told him you deserve the credit."

"You know?" Pete asked, withdrawing.

"I do," Big Bill said. "I made the others talk. I'm sorry for having suspected you. But how did you manage to make Whose tell you where he sabotaged the engine?"

"It's easy," Pete said. "Whose would be in great danger if we were attacked. Where does a serpent usually strike? Under water here. He was looked on a cabin under the water line. In other words, he would be the first to feel the impact of a serpent. Even if the engine and boiler rooms were not hit, we might target him to the terrible shaft in the teleboom."

"In other words, when his life was to be the price of winning, he changed his mind?" Big Bill asked. "These Maine runs are like that, aren't they?"

The End

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# CAPTAIN KID



CAPTAIN KID HAS THE BEST SENSE OF HUMOR IN THE AND IT'S HIS WHICH IN THE END



MY, HOW YOU'VE GROWN, BETTY!

CAPTAIN KID AND BETTY ARE HE FOR IN OUTING AT THE BRONXVILLE FAIR.



THIS IS YOUR COUSIN JOE, BETTY.

ISN'T HE BE YOU, BETTY?



WELL? CAPTAIN KID COUSIN JOE, ISN'T?

WELL...

WELL...





PEPPER!  
DON'T EVER  
SPEAK TO  
ME AGAIN!

BUT BETTY WAE  
THAT IS YOU  
COOK — OH  
SHUCKS!



WHERE'S MY  
TARTAN SCOTCH?  
CALL HIM  
A LUCK

SCOTCH! CAN  
FIND A  
SCOTCHER IN  
ANY DISTRICT  
TO BEAT THAT  
LAME DUCK?



IS THAT SO?  
WELL GRAMMA HAS  
A LOT O' SCOTCHES  
WE SWEARY OEF YOUR  
SELF ONE AN' WELL  
HOLD A COOK PRIZE!

I'LL DO JUST  
THAT WE ARRIVED  
AND WE'LL HAVE  
YOUR SCOTCHER  
FOR GOLD  
T' MORNIN'!



BOY OH BOY! GOT  
WHEE! IN A  
NICE FIV I DON'T  
KNOW ANY-  
THING ABOUT  
CHUCKING



GOT HIM!



WELL I GOT THE  
BESTEST ONE  
OF THE LOT  
ANYWAY!



"THEY SAID CAPTAIN JOHN ROOSTER  
 REMAINED IN A MOST UNUSUAL POSITION."



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 A MOST UNUSUAL  
 POSITION."



QUATER A PUNCH CAPTAIN KOD IS STILL IN THE DOG HOUSE



WE BETTER GO! KOD'S HOME, BETTY



JOHN WILL LOOK AFTER ME. YOU CAN GO HOME IF YOU WANT.

YES. MAYBE YOU CAN FIND AN SOLE ON THE WAY HOME.

THE FORM BREAKS AND THE MACHINES ALL GO OFF



HELP! JOHN! HELP!



THAT'S QUATER'S BOSS. LET'S GO HOME IN THE COUNTY.

CAPTAIN KOD TAKES TO THE SKY TO THE

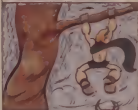


JOHN MAKES A RIPPING EXIT



OHMY! I'M FALLING!

AT THIS MOMENT A TERRIFIC WIND  
SHAKES THE TREE



TEARING THE MAIN BRANCH  
FROM THE TRUNK



MY HERO! I SAW  
YOU LET THAT  
BALL YOU  
SAVED MY  
LIFE!

SEE, I'VE  
TRIED NOTHING  
AT ALL!

DON'T FAIL TO SEE CAPTAIN MARVEL IN THE  
NEXT ISSUE OF CAPTAIN MARVEL



**YOU SAID IT!!  
YOU GET IT!!!**

YESSIR, IT WAS THE DOZENS  
AND HUNDREDS AND THOU-  
SANDS OF LETTERS AND POST-  
CARDS FROM YOU FANS THAT  
CONVINCED US YOU WANT—

**MORE <sup>AND</sup> MORE OF CAPT. MARVEL**

THAT'S WHY WE'RE SPEEDING UP THE PRESSES  
NOW TO GIVE YOU A BRAND NEW, COMPLETE  
EDITION OF **CAPT. MARVEL ADVENTURES!**

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**PUT A RING  
AROUND THIS DATE**

THEN GO TO YOUR NEWS-  
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ADVENTURES NO. 21**



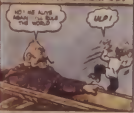




THE POWER AND SCIENCE OF THE...  
 THAT YOU'VE...  
 ...



AND A...  
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ONLY THE...  
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THE...  
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NOT SO...  
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THE...  
 ...



SHAZAM! RECALLED BY HISSELF FOR CAPTAIN MARVEL, HE, A MASTERS TO CAPTION WHO TO SAVE WARRING TO BILLY BATON.

ANY BELTAS THAT BRINGS YOU NEED?

OH BILLY WHEN CAPTAIN MARVEL MY FATHER USED A RECALCULATOR MACHINE TO BRING ATTILA THE WAR TO LIFE... THE... OF THE CAPTAIN MARVEL!



HOLY MOLLY! ATTILA THE WAR AND BIGGED OLD USAMA TOGETHER! WHAT A PAIR OF TERRORS! I'D BETTER RECALCULON THE SCENES IN THE BLO...

SHAZAM!



A BURST OF THUNDER AND BLINDING LIGHTNING ARREST THE HEART WORD...



RECALCULON CAPTAIN MARVEL, MIGHTY OF VOICES!



CAPTAIN MARVEL!

EE... NOW LOOK, BEAUTY! LET'S STICK TO BUSINESS! WHERE'S YOUR FATHERS' LATEST LABORATORY? LEAD ME THERE!

BACK AT THE LABORATORY...

CAPTAIN MARVEL IS CREAM-PUP ATTILA BY BRINGING YOU TO WARRING... HE NEED THREE MAN TO HELP YOU... HE UNDER MORDLE YOUR MASCLE... ISN'T IT TROUSH TOO!

BOY, ARE WE TOLD... WE EACH GILL A COP BRAGGERS BREAKING... SEE!





WHY MEET THE WORLD'S SMARTEST SCUM?



THE TERRIBLE MARCH CONDUCTOR OF A PAIR ARE CHIEFS!









BE NOW WE CAN CONTROL THE WORLD WITH NO CAPTAIN MARVEL TO STOP US!

WOHY WOHEY! WE'Z BRIGHT! WE CAN'T STOP A BUN-DEE LIKE ATILLA!



OUTSIDE ATILLA PROFITS A HORSE!

HOW BE SHE IN WITH NOW IN CLASHED ENEMY IN OLD DAYS! WAAH!

WE'LL KNOW OFF A POLICE STATION!



WYH! MAKE WAY FOR ATILLA THE HOR!



THAT'S ENOUGH FOR YOU! ATILLA! WE'VE MADE A GOOD START! THE BRUCE! THE SCARED SELF!

WYH! WYH! WYH! WYH!









WANT WHAT  
HIT ME?

YOU'LL NEVER  
KNOW WHAT  
HIT YOU!



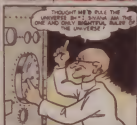
WHERE'S  
YOUR GARLAND,  
CAP. STANNA?

THROW HIM  
INTO THE  
REINCARNATION  
MACHINE CAPTAIN  
MARVEL!



OHMY!

NOW I'LL SEND  
YOU BACK WHERE  
HE CAME FROM  
THE DUTY DOUBLE  
CRUSHER!



THOUGHT HE'D KILL THE  
UNIVERSE IN... STANNA AND THE  
ONE AND ONLY BRIGHTFUL  
STAR OF THE  
UNIVERSE!



WHAT'S THAT  
YOU LITTLE  
WEASEL?

HA!! TAKE IT BACK!  
I'VE LEARNED MY  
LESSON CAPTAIN MARVEL!  
IF EVEN ATTELA THE HUN  
CAN'T LICK YOU,  
NOBODY CAN!



I'VE REFORMED  
FROM THIS MOMENT  
ON!

SEE THAT YOU DO! I'LL  
PUT YOU ON PROBATION!  
AND REMEMBER! CAPTAIN  
MARVEL WILL ALWAYS BE ON  
THE JOB IN CASE YOU START  
TO BACK SLIDE AGAIN!

KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED FOR A  
NEW CAPTAIN MARVEL ADVENTURE  
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